# REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are pending in the present application.

Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited.

An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly requested.

Should there be any matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE."

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# VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

## IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE:

The Abstract of the Disclosure has been amended as follows:

#### ABSTRACT

modular and removable track placed on the ground, comprising comprises a succession of panels (1), supplied with at least one longitudinal guiding groove(2) by means of which to allowallows at least one beak-(3), tightly connected to the load(4) to be dragged, to penetrate inside it, to interact with the series of towing means (6), elements, one for each panel (1), and to be guided in running along the track; each towing means (6) element being constituted of a longitudinal ring like element (7), stretched between two spools(8) and (9) and furnished with dragging means (10), elements, of at least one switch (11) and of motor(12) connected to one of the<del>said</del> spools activated/deactivated by saidthe switch. Each panel (1) furthermore comprises at least the ducts(13) and(19) for the connections of said switch (11) to said motor (12) the switch to the motor and with the fluid dynamic circuit (14, -15) connected at the start of the track with a primary motor, through which at least one motor(12) is activated in one of the panels(1) of the said track.

### IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims have been amended as follows:

- 8. The panel, as claimed in claims 6 and 7, characterized by the fact that the dragging means (10) of the towing means (6) are separated by a distance between them which is at least equal to the distance between the beaks (3) jutting from the load (4) to be dragged.
- 9. The panel, as claimed in claims 6-and 7, characterized by the fact that the deactivating beak (33) of said towing means (6) precedes the first dragging means (10) by at least the distance that will enable it to deactivate the switch (11) just before the first dragging means (10) reaches the longitudinal groove (2) inside the panel (1).
- 10. The panel, as claimed in claim<del>6 and</del> 7, characterized by the fact that the deactivating beak (33) of said towing means (6) precedes the first dragging means (10) by very little in order to stop just before the switch (11), and said dragging means (10) being made to bend to allow the passage of the first beak (3) of the arriving load (4) with which the switch (11) is activated.

### ABSTRACT

A modular and removable track placed on the ground, comprises a succession of panels, supplied with at least one longitudinal guiding groove which allows at least one beak, tightly connected to the load to be dragged, to penetrate inside it, to interact with the series of towing elements, one for each panel, and to be guided in running along the track; each towing element being constituted of a longitudinal ring like element, stretched between two spools and furnished with dragging elements, of at least one switch and of the motor connected to one of the spools and activated/deactivated by the switch. Each panel furthermore comprises at least the ducts and for the connections of the switch to the motor and with the fluid dynamic circuit connected at the start of the track with a primary motor, through which at least one motor is activated in one of the panels of the track.